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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Snyder ) Examiner: Maples, J.  
Application No.: 08/998,421 ) Art Unit: 1745  
Filed: 12/24/97 ) Atty. Docket: 11544-000246  
For: Lead Acid Cell Paste Having Tin Compounds and Method of  
Manufacturing and Using Same

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The Office Action rejected pending claims 22-30 under Section 112 on the grounds that  
the phrase "an unsulfated electrochemically active material" is not clear from the specification.  
The Examiner refers to page 11, line 25 through page 12, line 10.

It is submitted that the phrase "an unsulfated electrochemically active material" is defined  
specifically in two other places of the specification. First, in the "Summary of the Invention,"  
there is the statement:

For paste mixes that do not require the addition of sulfuric acid (i.e., so-called  
"unsulfated paste") the tin form used can be introduced at any time during mixing.

The other place is in the specification at page 12, line 35 through page 13, line 2, which states:

In the case of unsulfated paste (those to which sulfuric acid has not been added) the sequence appears not to be critical.

In other words, an unsulfated electrochemically active material is one to which sulfuric acid has not been added. The other components of the material include those described in the portion of the specification identified by the Examiner, namely page 11, line 25 through page 12, line 10.

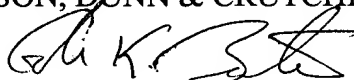
It is respectfully submitted that the claims as further described herein are now in a condition for allowability and an early notice of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Extension of Time:

Applicant hereby requests a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding office action, and encloses check no. 41072 in the amount of \$435.00 (three month extension, small entity) to cover said request. Please charge any deficiency or overpayment of funds to deposit account no. 50-0792.

Respectfully submitted,

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